Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is, and there is one.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Does the Hon'ble Member mean to say that 6 months' vacancy is no vacancy at all?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is no vacancy to bring in a new man.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Does the Hon'ble Member mean to say that it is no vacancy at all?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is no vacancy for a fresh appointment. That is the meaning.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was not the same candidate given an appointment in the same department since the present Commissioner came?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He did, and a grave mistake he committed, which he hopes not to commit in future.

President.—Then the man has no chance?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He has not. Other Ezhuvas who have better qualifications shall be tried.

The appointment of a full time Archaeologist.

491. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

1. the date on which the Government were convinced that the services of a full-time officer was necessary for Archaeological Research;

2. will the Government be pleased to place on the table the facts and the reasons for this conviction;

3. will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the D. P., dated 26th October 1924, C. No. 5684/1097, regarding Archaeological Researches in the State, as well as the letter from the Archaeologist, dated 7th Makaram 1102;

4. will the Government be pleased to inform whence the proposal to appoint a full-time officer emanated;

5. will the Government be pleased to place on the table the first record containing such proposal;

6. will the Government be pleased to inform the qualifications possessed by Mr. Paliath Anujan Achen that makes him specially fitted for the work as Archaeologist;

7. will the Government be pleased to further inform why Mr. Achen is put on probation when in Gazette of the 12th February 1927, Part I, page 174, they have stated that he is specially fitted for the work;

8. will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have not laid down the statement that no new appointment will be created pending the Special Finance Committee's Report;

9. will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposal to appoint such an officer was referred to the Standing Finance Committee of this House for examination, and, if so,

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will the Government be pleased to place on the table the result of their examination of the question;

10. will the Government be pleased to inform whether they had this appointment in contemplation when they framed the last Budget?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—1. The Government can only say that the date cannot be later than that of the order itself.

2. The conviction was brought on by experience of the working of the arrangement then existing.

3 Copies are placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix XI.*)

4. From the Government.

5. The Government do not think that any useful purpose will be served by complying with the request.

6. Mr. Paliath Anujan Achen is specially fitted for the work as Archaeologist by reason of the training he has had in research work in the Viswabharati Institute, Santiniketan, and the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona. He also holds testimonials to this effect from such eminent scholars as Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, Prof. (Dr.) Winternitz and others.

7. There is, in the opinion of the Government, no objection in doing so.

8. It does not appear that the Government have laid down any such statement.

9. The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part does not, therefore, arise.

10. Not then.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No. 4. The answer is "From the Government".

President.—Of course, you know what the Government is in the light of the Diwan Peishkar's explanation regarding certain powers delegated to the Diwan and the Heads of Departments.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether this is done by delegation?

President.—The information cannot be disclosed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know the nature of the research work conducted in Viswabharati in Archaeology? As far as I know, there is nothing of Archaeology in that institution.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Your information is very imperfect.

President.—The question time is over. We shall pass on to the next item.

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